

CLERK: 9 ayes, 21 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. Further amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Elmer would move to amend. (The Elmer amendment appears on page 1117 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Mr. Clerk, that's the one I have the number one on?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, if you recall from my earlier discussion, this amendment simply deletes Section 8 of the Standing Committee amendments. Section 8 of the committee amendments inserts the responsibility for a state water management plan into the Department of Agriculture, adding yet another agency to be responsible for a water management plan. Now I understand why the sponsors of this bill put the water management plan into the FIFRA bill, because the two requirements for using labeled chemicals in the State of Nebraska of restricted type that have been imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency includes two things, that the state has a FIFRA labeling, registration, training and certifying program and also a state water management plan. Now it's my understanding that only one other state is...or two, is very far along on the water management plan portion. But I, along with Senator Beutler, do believe that with our Department of Water Resources, our Department of Environmental Quality and our unique NRD structure can put into place a good state water management plan in not too long a time. And I do not believe that this water management plan should be included in this particular bill, and I would ask you to very seriously consider leaving FIFRA rather like what the EPA has already been doing that we wish to take over and leave the water management plan where it should be and currently resides without adding further complications and further responsibilities for more agencies. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Baack.